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To: House Ways & Means Committee

I strongly oppose the Production Tax Credit for wind energy and support ending this subsidy as soon as possible. The extension and the change to the credit was too costly, coming in at \$12.1 billion through 10 years. American taxpayers should NOT have to finance this catastrophic failure of judgment any longer. Money wasted on wind energy can be better spent on researching for energy alternatives that produce power 24/7/365 with power generators lasting decades instead of merely 15-20 years. Wind is incurably intermittent and doesn't work 75% of the time and is a redundant source of power – is there anything more that needs to be said? If massive utility scale electric energy storage was available then maybe wind's ruinous policies might be considered or tolerated. Squandering PTC money on wind energy is a politically driven fantasy. Perhaps you should look into how Germany has gotten itself into trouble recently by their well-intended mistake of entering into a wind turbine building boom and bringing their people closer into energy poverty.

The House and the Senate agreed to extend a 2.2 cent per kilowatt-hour credit for wind power production through this year as part of the "fiscal cliff" deal. It also changed the incentive to let wind projects **earn the credit if under construction — rather than in service — by the end of the year.** WHAT AN INCREDIBLE GIFT THIS WAS TO THE WIND INDUSTRY! The PTC extension is nothing more than a taxpayer raid as a result of listening to the half-truths, lies and exaggerations of wind zealots. USA wind development and wind factories causes a massive transfer of wealth from America and the PTC provides a subsidy-based profit to predatory foreign investors trolling for government welfare.

I declare wind development to be a vampire economy – an economy that only survives with taxpayer dollars; it sucks the life out of the existing economy to survive itself. We must stop this crony capitalism, this rude intrusive technology and unabated bipartisan abuse of the taxpayer via the PTC scam.

Sincerely,

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